

A Merry Christmas to All

Grocery Store Closed all day Monday
Meat Market Open to 9 a. m. Monday.

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.
Good Goods Our Specialty.

Local Brevities.

A shipment of sweet apple cider just in, 35c a gallon. Astoria Grocery.

Ray Morton is a papa. His wife presented him with a son yesterday morning.

Special sale of toilet and manure sets at Woodfield's Art Store on Bond street.

Armor's Genuine English plumb pudding. One and two pound tins. Astoria Grocery.

Tomorrow all business houses of Astoria will be closed, the same being a legal holiday.

Thompson's glove-fitting corsets and R. & G. corsets at cost price. Black and Gray. Shanahan's.

The football game tomorrow will be called promptly at 2:30 o'clock, at the Commercial grounds on the hill.

For the benefit of patrons it is announced by the Palace Barber shop management that the shop will be closed at noon on Monday.

The flag on the court house was displayed at half-mast yesterday in honor of Professor H. S. Lyman, late county school superintendent.

The funeral of the late John Lake was held yesterday afternoon from Pohl's undertaking parlors. The interment was in Greenwood.

The Grotto will supply patrons with delicious Tom and Jerry every day. The superior quality of goods which has made the Grotto popular, will be supplied.

There is a large hole in the crossing of Thirty-sixth and Duane street that is dangerous for travel. Complaint is made by the residents of that section of the city of its existence.

We have received a carload of eastern oak. It is of superior quality and will be sold in lots to suit purchasers. Fisher Bros. Co.

The common council will meet in an adjourned meeting next Tuesday night, at which time an ordinance will be passed providing for letting the city printing for next year.

All the butcher shops in Astoria will keep open until 9 o'clock Monday morning, but no orders for delivery will be received. All orders for Monday delivery must be in on Saturday night.

No work has been done on the jetty for over six weeks. The weather has been such that it was impossible to accomplish anything, not even to repair the damage done by recent storms. Work will not be resumed before next spring.

The case of Raski vs. Wise was in progress yesterday, the testimony being taken before Court Reporter C. E. Runyon. The testimony was complete with the exception of the deposition of Mrs. Marcus Wise, who was too ill to attend.

Mrs. C. A. Gearhart, deputy school superintendent, will attend to the duties of the office until Mr. Lyman's successor is appointed, which will be at the January term of the county court. There are several applicants for the position.

The Evening Budget issued a Christmas edition last evening, replete with an epitome of the year's doings in Astoria and filled with good stories incident to the Christmas festival. Enterprise is always appreciated and this year's edition is the best ever issued.

According to the laws of the state of Oregon a census of the state is to be taken next year. It will be as complete as the national census. Secretary of State Dunbar will appoint enumerators as soon as the legislature convenes and make an appropriation for taking the census.

Captain W. E. Smith of the customs house launch Patrol is confined to his home with illness and Captain W. S. Gordon is in temporary command.

A letter was received by Alsea Fox yesterday from Hon. John Fox, who is in the east on business, stating that he will not return to Astoria until the latter part of January.

Monday being a legal holiday the postoffice announces that there will be one delivery by carriers, and that the carriers' window will be open from 12:30 to 1:30, as is usual on Sundays and holidays.

The Christmas exercises of the Congregational church will take place next Monday evening in the basement of the church. A literary and musical program has been prepared and a pleasant time is anticipated.

L. Lebak has completed driving spiles for the Callendar Transportation Company, 400 spiles were driven and the decking put on. The contract has been awarded for building the warehouse, work to be commenced the first of January.

The Eagles' lodge will hold its annual Christmas festivities at Astor hall today. The Eagles' orchestra will furnish music. An interesting program has been prepared and refreshments will be served. Every member will receive a present.

Commencing next Wednesday Dr. E. L. House of Portland will give the first lecture of a course to be delivered at the Congregational church. The subject of the first lecture will be "Ben Hur," and will be illustrated by stereopticon views, making it intensely interesting.

Christmas novelties at Hoefler's have been received. All candy manufactured at home, 10 cents per pound and up. Decorations for Christmas surpass anything ever brought to Astoria. Everything in the line of confections and pure candy guaranteed to be first-class. The largest and most complete line in Astoria can be procured at Hoefler's.

The Palace Turkish baths are a source of delight to the patrons who frequent the establishment—courteous treatment and your comfort guarded. Lady attendants furnished for lady patrons by appointment. These baths are especially recommended by the leading physicians of the city and respectfully solicit your patronage. Turkish baths and bed \$1.00. Russian bath 50 cents.

Copies of the annual report of Secretary of State Dunbar for the fiscal year ending on September 30 are at hand. The report shows the receipts during the year to have been \$5,485,799.12 while the disbursements were \$4,917,609.47. The amount of cash in the hands of the treasurer at the end of the year was \$568,189.65.

The Christmas exercises of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be given at the church on Monday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A delightful Christmas cantata will be rendered by members of the school, attended with the joyful festivities of the yule-tree. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend these exercises.

Arthur C. Callan, who has been with the Fisher Bros. Company of this city has accepted a position with the Pacific Hardware Company of Seattle and will enter upon the discharge of his duties shortly after New Year's. Mr. Callan has many friends in Astoria, who will congratulate him on his promotion, and wish him success. Mr. Callan has resided in Astoria a number of years and is a popular young man.

Many of the homes of Astoria were beautifully illuminated last evening Christmas trees laden with presents social entertainments, visiting with those who have been absent and returned to enjoy the festivities made Christmas eve one long to be remembered. The streets were practically deserted at 9 o'clock. The charitable citizens did not forget the poor and many a well-filled basket will cheer the dreary homes of the unfortunate.

Some of the most unique designs in small boxes of cigars, suitable for Christmas presents and which will be appreciated by lovers of a good smoke, can be found at Madison's cigar store. These, in addition to the finest assortment of merschaum pipes, and a fine line of smokers' articles, will be of great assistance to those looking for a present that will be appreciated. There is certainly no finer assortment in Astoria.

Tomorrow evening the Keith stock company opens its week's engagement at Fishers' opera house, presenting the great comedy-drama entitled "Slaves of Russia." The company has been accorded everywhere they have appeared great praise from the press and public, and its engagement should be a rousing one, as no doubt it will be. The performances are continuous, as specialty turns are given between acts. Don't fail to secure your seats early and avoid the rush at the door. Prices of admittance are: Reserved seats 35 cents; adults in gallery, 25 cents; children in gallery, 15 cents.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Blaisdell of Olney was in the city yesterday.

Howell Lewis of Fern Hill was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. John Close is spending Christmas in Portland.

Sergeant Logan was up from Fort Stevens yesterday.

Mrs. C. C. Clark of Seaside was in the city yesterday.

Hon. C. W. Carnahan of Cullaby Lake was in the city yesterday.

James McGowan of Pacific county was in the city yesterday.

Gunder Gunderson of Portland is in the city to spend Christmas.

W. L. Hasbrouck of Kansas City was a guest at the Occident yesterday.

Charles Humphreys returned yesterday from a business trip to Portland.

Thad Sweek of the O. R. & C. left for Portland yesterday to spend Christmas.

Judge McBride left for Deer Island yesterday morning to spend Christmas.

John Davis of the John Day was in the city yesterday, the first time for a year.

J. E. Logan of Seaside is in the city and will spend Christmas with relatives.

J. C. Mayo and wife left for Portland last evening to spend Christmas with friends.

Will Madison left for Independence last evening to spend Christmas with his parents.

E. E. Phillips of Warrenton was in Astoria yesterday purchasing Christmas supplies.

O. B. Prael of Portland arrived in Astoria yesterday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Councilman L. O. Belland leaves this morning for Portland to spend Christmas with relatives.

Frank Scott of Seaside was in the city yesterday buying Christmas presents for his family.

H. H. Ingalls, a prominent merchant of Warrenton, was in the city yesterday renewing old acquaintances.

Oliver O. McClure of the Ninety-third, at Fort Stevens, is returned from a visit to relations in Iowa and Illinois.

Harry Flavel, who has been in Portland attending school returned yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents.

Miss Irene Parker arrived from Portland last evening and will participate in the Christmas exercises at St. Mary's church.

DeWitt Clinton and wife came down from Portland yesterday to spend Christmas with his mother, brothers and sister.

Captain J. B. Libby, superintendent of the Puget Sound Towboat Company, is in the city and will spend Christmas with Captain Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jackson of Olympia will arrive today to spend the holidays with Mrs. Jackson's brother, J. A. Munro of 826 Grand avenue.

F. C. Graham of the Graham Lumber Company returned yesterday from Portland and points along the Columbia river, where he has been purchasing lumber.

Hon. Judas Bruce Polworth, a prominent republican politician of Cathlamet, was in the city purchasing Christmas presents for his family, which is numerous.

F. N. Smith, the popular salesman of Eilers piano house of Portland came down yesterday to spend Christmas with his brother-in-law, Charles E. Taylor of the Astorian.

Miss Gertrude Kearney entertained at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Kearney, on Tuesday evening, December 20, the parents and friends of her pupils with a piano recital. Rewards of merit were given to the public according to merit, as follows: Misses Winifred Hardy, Violet Lovell, Fannie Burghund and Esther Nordstrom. Miss Kearney's pupils presented her with many beautiful gifts which were appreciated. The pupils were given a vacation until after the holidays.

The cigar contest closed yesterday. Four prizes were offered to the persons securing the most cigar bands of La Imperial and La Veras. The committee counted the bands yesterday afternoon and announced the following result: First prize, diamond stud valued at \$46, 9561 bands; second prize, \$20 gold piece, Jess Lindley 9108 bands; third prize, a suit of clothes or overcoat, presented by Herman Wise, L. Lebak, 3043 bands; fourth prize, box of cigars, Gus Fricke, 2396 bands. A number of other contestants sent in bands after 1 o'clock and they were not counted.

Work of extending the wharfing privileges of the O. R. & N. Co.'s dock is progressing. Mr. Lebak has been driving spiles inside of the dock, upon which will be erected an addition to the wharf. Work of driving spiles from the northern line of the dock to the wharf line, as established by the government, will be commenced immediately after the holidays on extending the wharf. The wharf will be extended 125 feet northward and the full length of the present dock, east and west.

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Happy New Year

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Chaise Perfumery forms an Ideal Gift for Young or Old, Boys, Girls, Young Men, Young Women, those in middle life or in lifes decline.

There is a pleasing bit of sentiment about perfumes and their use that adds to their use as Christmas Gifts.

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Come in and select your packages. We have them from 25c. to \$8.00 a bottle, all chaise, the flower odors, lasting in quality.

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